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1. FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF COMPLETE ARTICLE BY
MARGALIT WHICH WAS FEATURE STORY IN MARCH 23 HAARETZ.
SEE TEL AVIV 2061 REGARDING OTHER STORIES ON THE
PRESIDENT'S ALLEGED VIEWS OF DETERMINATION OF BORDERS.

2. BEGIN TEXT: NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL SPOKESMAN:
THE U.S. HAS NOT YET DETERMINED THE "INSIGNIFICANT"
CHANGES IN THE 1967 WHICH IT IS PREPARED TO SUPPORT.
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL SPOKESMAN GERALD SHECHTER
SAID TUESDAY NIGHT THAT THE U.S. HAS SO FAR NEITHER
FIXED NOR DEFINED WHAT MINOR CHANGES IN THE 1967
BORDERS IT WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT. SHECHTER
WAS SPEAKING IN REPLY TO A QUESTION CONCERNING A REPORT
THAT A SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL HAD TOLD AMBASSADOR
DINITZ THAT MINOR CHANGES MIGHT COME TO AROUND 20 TO 50
KILOMETERS. SHECHTER STATED THAT HE WAS NOT
PREPARED TO COMMENT ON PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS,
ESPECIALLY IN THIS CONTEXT BECAUSE THE U.S. HAS
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NOT YET FINALIZED ITS POLICY ON THE SAID ISSUE.
WASHINGTON OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT THE MENTION OF
20 TO 50 KILOMETERS REFERS MAINLY TO THE SINAI
BORDER. THE NAME OF THE SENIOR OFFICIAL WAS
MENTIONED ON KOL ISRAEL RADIO LAST NIGHT (TUESDAY)
AS BEING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY
COUNCIL, ZBIGNIEV BRZEZINSKI.

3. (THE JERUSALEM REPORT REFERS TO A BRZEZINSKI STATEMENT CONCERNING A 15 TO 20 KM BORDER AMENDMENT ONLY.)

4. PRESIDENT CARTER DISTINGUISHES BETWEEN A POLITICAL BORDER WITH SLIGHT CHANGES, AND A DEFENSE LINE (NOT PERMANENT, BUT LONG-TERM) SITUATED FAR ACROSS THE 1967 LINES, ACCORDING TO DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES IN WASHINGTON. THE (DIPLOMATIC) CIRCLES ADDED THAT CARTER HAD MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF THE JORDAN SERVING AS ISRAEL'S DEFENSE LINE, BUT THERE ARE STATE DEPARTMENT ELEMENTS WHO FEEL THAT EVEN BORDER CHANGES OF A FEW HUNDRED METERS ARE SUPERFLUOUS. THESE CIRCLES ADDED THAT CARTER HAS NOT YET FORMED A CONCLUSIVE OPINION ON THE MATTER.

5. "CARTER BELIEVES THAT IN A FINAL PEACE ISRAEL WOULD RETRAT FROM SIZEABLE TERRITORIES WITH ONLY SLIGHT CHANGES IN THE POLITICAL BORDER AND MINOR CHANGES IN THE SECURITY SPHERE," THE CIRCLES SAID.

6. IN ANOTHER CONTEXT THE SECRETARY OF STATE WAS REPORTED TO HAVE ASKED DURING HIS ISRAEL VISIT WHAT ISRAEL'S POSITION WAS ON SIGNING A DEFENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S AS FOR GUARANTEES, HE WAS TOLD THAT THESE WOULD ONLY BE POSSIBLE AS ADDITIONAL TO, AND NOT INSTEAD OF, AN AGREEMENT BASED ON DEFENSE LINES. END TEXT
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